

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 @ 11.00am  
DeLaval, Hamilton**



Present: Gary Reilly, Travis McIntosh, Andy Geissmann, Kevin Warner, Brain Ebert, Trevor Foley & Maria Scott.

Apologies: Ross Muggeridge, Craig Burrows, Paul Dixon, Brett MacDougall

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: The six matters from previous minutes that required sign-off by absent Counsellors have all been approved and can be implemented if not already actioned.

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$126,731.

Accounts for Payment: Accounts previously paid and to be paid were tabled and approved.

New Members: Naksa Resources Ltd - approved.

Practising Certificate Approvals: Levi King, Moa Milking & Pumping. Isaac Crawford, Dynamic Maintenance. Sean Bovill, Cambridge Water Pump Services. Eric Kemsley, Kemsley Dairy Services. Luke Roberts, Read Industrial Ltd. Darryl Walter, Southland Farm Services. Murray Royal, On Farm Agri Centre. Devon Woods, Progressive Engineering Southland. George Whiting, Kahurangi Farm Services. Alan van den Heuvel, ABC Milking Solutions. Graham Pask, Opotiki Engineering & Hardware. David Satherley, Hutchies Taupiri. Karl Hannah, Moa Milking & Pumping - Approved.

H & S: A Member made a complaint to Competenz about Wintec H & S procedures while their apprentice was doing a block welding course where they injured their finger. Competenz are investigating and have made contact with Wintec for a response. Although this is not a matter regarding MPTA, it is important that all learners are in safe in their learning environment.

TTC Report: November Testing course running this week with 9 participants and one Refresher participant. Water courses ran in Hamilton early October with reasonable numbers. 8 participants on Milk Quality course in Hamilton last but it was very difficult to get the numbers to commit. A complaint has come from an apprentice re courses being cancelled which impedes them being able to complete the qualification. Will need to look at scheduling process to ensure apprentices are attending courses.

Apprenticeship Update: Numbers now sitting at 48. Competenz advised that work done on Assessment of Prior Learning to date is not sufficient and it could be a long and costly exercise to bring this to fruition. Essentially, those wishing to complete the qual using their prior learning would need to complete all of the unit standard assessments to prove their knowledge. They would need to sign into the qual with Competenz and self-fund the costs as Government Funding would not apply. Veronica at Competenz is going to provide a breakdown of what is involved and estimated cost.

Plumbers Act Review: Still awaiting a meeting with MBIE, PGDB, Irrigation NZ & ourselves to discuss practicalities around what work each party can do – MBIE had indicated that this may happen mid-October but have heard nothing from them despite two requests for

this meeting. Barry Ebert has been unwell so has not yet requested meeting with Minister Shane Jones – Brain Ebert to discuss further with Barry to set up a meeting.

Electrical Supervision: E.O. with Kevin White last week to discuss pathway for electrical supervision that may meet EWRB requirements. He is proposing a requirement of evidence gathering of nominated tasks that have been observed by an EWRB approved person on at least one occasion. He has written to EWRB with his proposal and awaiting response.

Industry Skill Shortage: Waikato Milking Systems recently undertook a survey of dealers which highlighted concern around securing skilled technicians in to the industry. The suggestion was put forward if MPTA should approach Immigration NZ re getting Milking Machine, Pump & Effluent Technicians listed on the skills shortage list. WMS have some position descriptions we could put forward with our case. E.O to investigate how to go about this.

Stray Voltage: Proposal tabled at previous meeting 03/10/18 for updated stray voltage training and establishment of a Register of trained tradespeople was approved by absent Council Members and can be implemented.

Complaint from Member re Stray Voltage Testing: Maurice Coates of Sema Ltd has sent us a complaint re the stray voltage testing practices of Brian Rickard in South Island. Mr Rickard investigated a stray voltage issue at the request of a farmer and used the flawed testing methodology detailed in the NZ Handbook - Electrical Installations in Dairy Sheds which we have challenged on numerous occasions with Standards NZ. The outcome of the test resulted in a new Milk Pump Controller being removed from the shed and replaced by a competitor one.

Farm Source selling milking machine equipment: Commerce Commission have declined to investigate our complaint re Fonterra being both the regulator of what equipment must be used within the milk harvesting industry and selling, and profiting from, said milking equipment and consumables to it's suppliers.

Attendance Fee for Council Members: Suggestion of a minimal attendance fee for Council Members to attend meeting was discussed and parked.

ISO Testing conversion: G Reilly & E.O to meet with DeLaval on 12/12/18 to see if there is any possibility of utilising some of their existing ISO training material. Timeline and costs for the project over next 3 years to be set by Technical Committee.

Insurance: Increased liability insurance cover discussed at previous meeting 03/10/18 was approved by absent Council Members and has since been implemented.

Life Membership: Life Membership award nomination for Dave Milne discussed at previous meeting 03/10/18 was approved by absent Council Members and has since been actioned. President, Gary Reilly, to do presentation to Dave in Nelson.

E.O Wages Review: Discussed salary review for Executive Officer and Council has approved an increase to \$40 / hour. Signed-off by Brett MacDougall & Gary Reilly as sitting directors of Technology Training Centre Ltd, who are the Employer.

Meeting concluded: 2.38pm

Next meeting date: late January in Hamilton

Signed

President.

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